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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LE GENDRE ET AL.

Examiner

Erika A. Gary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2 and 8 recite the limitation "the response" in lines 15 and 13 respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DeFazio et al., US Patent Number 5,940,484 (hereinafter DeFazio).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, DeFazio discloses a method (and apparatus) of obtaining information on the identity of a caller in a terminal of a telephone communications network, the method comprising: the terminal receiving an incoming call and the caller's number; an agent of the terminal selecting at least an external server likely to be able to provide said information; the agent preparing a request whose argument is the telephone number and whose destination is the server; and the agent sending the request to the sever [fig. 3a].

Regarding claims 2 and 8, DeFazio discloses the agent receiving a response from the server; or if there is no response, or if the response is not satisfactory, the agent selecting another server, preparing another request, and sending the other request to the other server [col. 7: lines 17-23].

Regarding claims 3 and 9, DeFazio discloses receiving the response or selecting another server, preparing another request, and sending the other request to the other server are repeated if there is no response or if the response is not satisfactory [col. 7: lines 17-23].

Regarding claims 4 and 10, DeFazio discloses the selection step is effected by searching a request file [col. 7: lines 17-23].

Regarding claims 5 and 11, DeFazio discloses the terminal has a data channel and wherein a request is sent on the data channel [col. 8: lines 6-7].

Regarding claim 13, DeFazio discloses the terminal is a fixed terminal connected to the telephone network [fig. 2].

Regarding claim 14, DeFazio discloses the terminal is a fixed terminal having access to the Internet [col. 7: line 67 – col. 8: line 2].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 6 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeFazio.

Regarding claims 6 and 12, the Examiner takes Official Notice that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify DeFazio by including that the terminal is a mobile terminal. The motivation for this modification would have been to expand DeFazio's caller identification by also implementing it for a mobile terminal as it is well known in the art to provide wire-line features into mobile telecommunication systems.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Skarbo et al., US Patent Number 5,546,447 disclose displaying caller identification information in a computer system.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erika A. Gary whose telephone number is 703-308-0123. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne D. Bost can be reached on 703-305-4778. The fax phone numbers

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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4750 or to the 2600 Customer Service Office at 703-306-0377.

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